

DOUBLECROSSED DEALERS IN DOPE

Scharlin Victim of His Own Cleverness in Deals.

NOW IN THE CELLS

Opium Trade Tipped Off by Buyers Who Got Mad.

(From Saturday's Advertiser.)

After nearly five hundred tins of opium had been disposed of in Honolulu the seller was discovered yesterday in the person of Nathan Scharlin, a member of the firm of Scharlin Brothers, San Francisco, and for the past six months a guest at the Hawaiian Hotel. He is under a charge of selling opium in the Territory of Hawaii, which is against the law, while he, as well as other members of his firm will probably be called upon to face a charge of perjury in San Francisco on the ground that they swore falsely to shipping manifests.

In the possession of United States District Attorney Breckons is ample evidence that Scharlin Brothers disposed of opium in large lots to local Chinese, and that they expected the opium to arrive on certain steamers, and expected a large amount on the Lurline.

Nathan Scharlin expected to receive 110 tins of opium on the Matson steamship Lurline. It arrived on that vessel on March 16 and immediately Scharlin was under surveillance. The district attorney and collector of customs went over the manifests of the Lurline and discovered Scharlin's name thereon. For the past three or four weeks they had watched the manifests arriving on every steamer to see if Scharlin's name was there. They left word at the steamship office to be notified when a wharf bill was asked for at the office, and a man was stationed at the wharf to be on hand when the wharf bill was presented to the man in charge.

Seized on Lurline.

The bill was issued from the office of Castle & Cooke on Thursday afternoon, and the officers were notified. Yesterday morning about eleven o'clock a Portuguese drayman, who has been hauling for Scharlin for some time, appeared at the new Matson wharf with a bill for packages for Nathan Scharlin. Then the officers stepped in and seized the goods. The packages on the manifests were billed as millinery, boots and shoes, etc., the value being given as \$1250. When the packages were opened, some millinery and boots and shoes were found of the value of about \$1250, and in addition there were 110 tins, ten tins in one package and one hundred in another. At the prevailing prices, according to the rates in the possession of the district attorney the seized goods has a value of \$6100. If Scharlin has disposed of five hundred other tins he would have sold \$26,000 worth of opium.

Scharlin has been under the eagle eye of Chief McDuffie of the police detective bureau for some time. Several weeks ago McDuffie had his suspicions aroused and these were conveyed to the federal authorities.

Double-Crossed Chinese.

Scharlin is said to have given the double cross not only to Uncle Sam, but also to Chinese customers. One Chinaman whom the district attorney has questioned, showed a tin which he said was purchased from Scharlin originally, although he obtained it from one who dealt with Scharlin. He said that the remainder of the opium here would have enhanced value shortly, as the supply was becoming exhausted and then smokers would have to pay sky-high prices. Scharlin, however, who had said after selling a former lot, that he would not import more, apparently forgot that part of the deal, for on March 6 he contracted with a well known Chinaman to deliver 100 tins for \$5300 and acknowledged receipt of about \$5000 of the money. As he used Hawaiian Hotel stationery in making out receipts and making notes of his transactions these have been checked up.

Strange Coincidence.

One delivery of opium amounting to one hundred tins was for delivery on March 16. By a strange coincidence the Lurline arrived from San Francisco on March 16 and in the cargo were two packages for Scharlin and both packages contained opium, but one of them contained one hundred tins. This may have been a coincidence, but the notation of advance money paid, the receipt and dates and the actual tins now in the possession of the authorities, together with Scharlin's signatures to receipts, and Chinese memorandums telling of the transactions, are, it is believed, sufficient to connect Scharlin up with a large amount of unlawful opium business.

The tins seized are stamped. That is, they bear the purported stamp of the customhouses on the Coast. Whether the labels are genuine is another question. If they are, then the tins just seized are probably among the last to have such labels in San Francisco, as it is believed little opium is getting into San Francisco from Pacific Ocean liners, while the stamped supply must be running very low.

Queer 'Boots and Shoes.'

Nathan Scharlin has been doing business in boots and shoes and dry goods in general. While representing Scharlin Brothers of San Francisco, he

NOT CONSPIRACY, JUST A CONTRACT

TARO GROWERS EXPLAIN WHY THEY REFUSE TO SELL PRODUCT.

(From Saturday's Advertiser.)

President Mott-Smith, of the territorial board of health, received a communication yesterday from eleven taro growers of Manoa Valley, in which they try to refute the charge that they have conspired with the poi shop owners to cause a famine in poi by refusing to sell their taro to the factories which the board have allowed to operate under sanitary conditions.

These growers assert that an injustice has been done them in the published story of conspiracy in restraint of trade. At the same time they acknowledge that they are under some kind of a one-sided contract by which the poi shop owners control their output, but say that if this contract can be canceled they will be glad to sell their taro to anyone willing to pay "the best price" for it.

Refuse to Sell Taro.

In this communication they practically acknowledge that they are refusing to sell their taro to any except the owners of the closed poi shops, who refuse to open under the rules of the board of health, and who, consequently, can not buy their taro.

What are they going to do with it all is now being asked. The growers signing the statement are Sun Kwong Sing Company, Hang Hung Company, Hop Lee Company, Wing Sang Sing Company, Chang Yan, Wing Sing Yuen, Lum Hoo, Tang Yan, Chew Nam Kee, Lum San and Lee Hoy, and their statement is as follows:

Official Statement.

Honolulu, T. H., March 15, 1911. Hon. E. A. Mott-Smith, President Board of Health, Honolulu.

Sir:—We, the undersigned, firms and individual taro planters of Manoa, beg to call to your attention of an article appeared in The Sunday Advertiser entitled, "Charge Chinese with Conspiracy," wherein it states that all the Chinese taro growers and poi shop owners are conspiring together to force the board of health to permit them to open their poi shops without supervision by the health inspectors and that they refuse to be guided by the regulations of the board of health; that there is a conspiracy on the part of the taro growers and the poi shop owners to limit the supply of taro, a distinct violation of the law in restraint of trade, is the opinion of Representative Conroy; and that the health committee of the house has laid the matter before the United States district attorney for investigation as to any violation of said law, and that certain taro growers may be cited to appear and do some explaining.

We believe that a grave injustice has been done to the taro growers by the said article. It tends to show that we taro growers, are having some kind of connection with the poi shop owners and are in sympathy with the movement of opposing the board of health. On the contrary, we wish to state that we are not only not in sympathy with any movement of the kind, but we will sell our taro to anyone who will offer us the best price provided our contract to sell all of our taro to the poi shop owners can be canceled, which we are trying to do if possible.

BEAR ADVANCES FOR ANOTHER SLICE OF DRAGON

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia, March 17.—Large bodies of Russian troops are advancing on China, according to news here today, and it is apparent that Russia is concentrating its forces on the borders of Chinese Turkestan, west of the export port of Kulja, in spite of the fact that China has yielded to the demands for an observance of the commercial treaty.

received boots and shoes from Endicott, Johnson and Co., New York, the bills of lading for sales on other islands being sent through banks and through Castle & Cooke, agents for the Matson line. It is believed now that many packages have contained opium.

It is not often that opium is seized on what are termed local vessels or steamers which ply only between Coast ports and Honolulu. The authorities made a seizure a few months ago on the Manchuria on its arrival from San Francisco and found a trunk packed full of opium which had been brought along by Domingo Ferreira as an express box. It was seized at the express office and Ferreira was placed under arrest and is now in the custody of the federal authorities.

Scharlin Arrested. Scharlin has been taken into custody by the county police and held on a territorial charge which will keep him secure until the federal officials can ferret out the supposed connection between the prisoner and the, at present, mythical smuggling ring of the Pacific.

He was arrested by Chief McDuffie at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, and must stand trial for selling "poisonous drugs" without a license. The case against him on the charge is thought to be more than sufficient to convict.

Scharlin's connection with the opium ring has been suspected for at least three weeks, when the word was passed out among officials that he was in the business. He has been watched rather closely, as information had been derived to the county police, at least, that the man had some unstamped "dope" in his hands, although this is based only on conjecture and the reports of others from the "underworld."

THETIS CREW SENDS GENEROUS SUM TO AID VETERAN HERO OF THE MOI WAHINE WRECK

UNITED STATES REVENUE CUTTER SERVICE.

Steamer Thetis, Honolulu, T. H., March 18, 1911.

Editor, The Pacific Commercial Advertiser, Honolulu, T. H. Sir:—In response to a published request made by Mr. C. W. McPherson in The Pacific Commercial Advertiser for a subscription fund for the benefit of Captain Sam, of the wrecked American schooner Moi Wahine, we herewith take the pleasure of submitting the sum of \$88.50.

Respectfully yours, WARRANT OFFICERS AND ENLISTED FORCE OF THE U. S. R. C. THETIS.

With the generous amount contributed by the boys of the Thetis, comes sixty dollars from Professor Alexander.

Mrs. James Gibb and George P. Castle, bringing the amount on hand for Captain Sam at The Advertiser office up to two hundred and seventy-one dollars and fifty cents, a splendid beginning. It is suggested, in a communication from James Gibb, that the best disposition that can be made with whatever

sum is collected by The Advertiser and otherwise would be to place it in a bank or invest it, allowing Captain Sam to draw at the rate of twenty five dollars or so a month. This idea is more or less general.

It is thought that the old seaman has been long enough afloat and should spend his remaining years in comparative comfort ashore, going to sea only as he feels like it and not through any necessity of earning a living in that way. Captain Sam wants to get back on the water.

"Long time I sail," he says, in his simple English. "Time come I no can sail, I make."

There is no reason, however, why he cannot sail as often as he wishes, but not for a living. That, if the plans being talked of materialize, will be unnecessary any more for the veteran of the tiller who has helped make famous the name of Hawaii and the Hawaiians.

The contributions, to date, are: Previously acknowledged.....\$123.00

Warrant officers and enlisted force of the U. S. S. Thetis..... 88.50

Professor Alexander..... 10.00

Mrs. James Gibb..... 25.00

George P. Castle..... 25.00

Total.....\$271.50

PEACE IN LITTLE CHINA, PERFORCE

(From Saturday's Advertiser.)

Chu Gem, one of the influential Chinese merchants of the city, stated yesterday that the present quietude in the trouble between the Chinese and the consul was due to the fact that another consul is still on his way here and that the people are willing to "suffer" the presence of the incumbent until the new man arrives. This apparent forgetfulness of past troubles does not, therefore, seem to indicate that the people are satisfied but merely that there is no other course open to them but to wait patiently.

The principle reason that aroused the ire of the local Chinese against their consul was the special census when it was necessary to come through with some money, at least the consul said it was. Those who refused to comply with the order were straightway posted in China as revolutionists and undesirable citizens. This made it impossible for the posted ones to go back to their native land without getting into trouble or at least being put under the most stringent surveillance. The relatives of the posted ones were also affected as the Chinese Government looks upon the relatives of an undesirable as being nearly in the same boat. The consul's action brought many a scathing letter from people living in China but all were ignored.

When interviewed yesterday Chu Gem stated that it was not known as to the exact date of the arrival of the new consul from China, but that it would be in the near future.

PRIZEFIGHT GANG PUT UNDER ARREST

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—Ad Wogast, the lightweight champion, who yesterday defeated George Memic at Vernon, in a nine-round fight, has been arrested, charged with violation of the prizefight law. His arrest was followed by that of the defeated Memic, of McCarey, the promoter of the match, and Eytan, the referee.

Matched Against LaGrave.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—Ad Wogast, who defeated Memic yesterday for lightweight honors, was signed up immediately after his victory to go twenty rounds with Anton LaGrave. The fight is billed to take place here on March 31.

FOUR NEW LAWS ARE SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

There are some new laws in the land which we must hereafter duly respect. Among the most important is Act 21 of the "Session Laws of 1911" which the Governor signed yesterday and which compels the counties to make a financial report to the Territory at frequent and stated intervals.

Another new law, Act 22, creates the commission which is to be appointed by the chief executive and thereafter work for uniform legislation in the United States. It is a big undertaking and Hawaii is disregarding its size in tackling it.

Other important new laws which were also signed by the Governor provide for the summoning of jurors and the other relatives to grants, such as marriage licenses, the granting of which has been placed on a more systematic footing.

PROPER TREATMENT FOR CHOLERA.

Take a double dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy after every operation of the bowels more than natural. After three doses have been taken or when the diarrhoea has been checked take a dose of castor oil, and after that operate take the remedy again as before. Go to bed and remain as quiet as possible until out of danger.

GENEROUS RAISE IN WAGE SCALE

RAPID TRANSIT PUTS IN FORCE A NEW SYSTEM OF PAYING.

(From Saturday's Advertiser.)

One of the most radical steps in the administration of the operating department of the Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land company since its organization ten years ago, was taken yesterday when General Manager C. G. Ballentyne posted a notice in the assembly room of the motormen and conductors informing them that a sliding scale of wages had been adopted by the board of directors and would be operative on and after April 1, giving a minimum wage of thirty cents an hour and a maximum of forty cents after ten years' service.

The notice was received by the men with enthusiasm which was spontaneous and the night shift went out on their cars with lighter hearts and the day men came in after a weary nine hours' toil at the brakes and register cords to be greeted by news which was at first almost unbelievable. In brief the notice means that a man who gets a cap and badge today and is started out on a car gets thirty cents an hour, and it means also, that the men who have worked for ten years steadily, will on April first receive forty cents per hour, an increase of about \$25 per month in their wages. The notice as posted is as follows:

HONOLULU RAPID TRANSIT & LAND COMPANY.

Order No. 54, to conductors and motormen:

Beginning with April 1, 1911, and continuing until further notice, the following graduated scale of wages, for continuous service, will be effective, subject to such modifications of the contract as the directors may determine upon from time to time:

Per hour First year's service.....30 cents Second year's service.....31 " Third year's service.....32 " Fourth year's service.....33 " Fifth year's service.....34 " Sixth year's service.....35 " Seventh year's service.....36 " Eighth year's service.....37 " Ninth year's service.....38 " Tenth year's service.....39 " Eleventh year's service.....40 "

Men now on the payroll will be rated according to the number of years they have been in the service of the company, and the yearly increase hereafter will take effect on the first day of the month following that in which the year is completed.

Honolulu, March 17, 1911. C. G. BALLENTYNE, Manager.

Higher cost of living, acknowledgment of long and faithful service where experience counts and is an asset to both the company and the public were among the factors in bringing about the new system of wages, which is termed by the men "The Oakland Scale," as it is equal in every respect to that prevailing in Oakland, California.

Thanks of the Men.

A short time after the notice was posted and when the day men were arriving and finding that after all their years of service, they were to be rewarded, Conductor Young, who wears badge No. 1, and has been in the service of the company about ten years, entered the office of General Manager Ballentyne. The conductor stated that he had just read the notice and he and the rest of the men wished to express their thanks and appreciation to the general manager feeling that he, as they were certain, had taken a personal interest in having the new wage scale adopted. He stated that the men were immensely pleased and that they now have something to look forward to, and he was sure that all would give better service than ever, although he believed that they had done their duty. As to himself, as No. 1, he said that the increase in wages meant much to him. He said he wanted to remain in the service of the company and the new scale was an incentive to do so.

Conductor Young a short time ago received an offer from Sheriff Jarrett to take a responsible position in the police department. At that time Mr. Young had no intimation that the Rapid Transit company was considering the schedule just adopted and was about to resign. He was told that the wage schedule was being considered and that possibly he would be wise in remaining a while longer. If the schedule was adopted he would benefit. And so Mr. Young is one of the largest beneficiaries of the new system. Motorman Bell, who wears No. 1 badge for front platform men, also gets the ten-year service rate. He is one of the most efficient men at the brake as Conductor Young is with the bell cord, and the company would sustain a loss if such experienced men felt they would have to leave the service.

Good Investment.

"The new schedule makes a very material difference to the men," said Manager Ballentyne. For some of the older men it is a material matter and there is now something for all to look forward to. I believe the investment will be a good one because it brings to the service a better class of men and then we are able to retain their services. As they become older they become more valuable to the system and more economical in the operation of the cars and less liable to accidents.

"It operates three ways: First, benefit of the men; second, benefit of the company; third, benefit of the public."

The company has in its possession the wage schedules of other cities and Honolulu's scale is exceeded by only one other on the mainland and that is in Butte, Montana, where the scale is \$3 1/3 to 45. Oakland is next with thirty to forty, and Honolulu has the same. Many large cities have wage scales far below that prevailing here. The mainland schedules at hand are: United Railways, San Francisco, 25 to 33; Salt Lake, 25 to 30; Los Angeles, 25 to 30; Oakland, 30 to 40; San Diego, 25 to 30; Spokane, 35 straight; Tacoma, 25 to 30, after fifteen years; Denver, 24 to 30; Sacramento, 24 to 32; Minneapolis, 21 to 25; Portland, 24 to 30; Winnipeg, 21 to 27; Seattle, 25 to 30; Butte, 35 1/3 to 45.

SUDDEN ORDER STIRS THE TROOPS

Held Ready to Take the Field at Short Notice.

NO EXPLANATION

Thousands in Camp in and Around Post at San Antonio.

(From Saturday's Advertiser.)

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 18.—All day yesterday, with horse, foot and guns, the troops of the United States Army, called out for maneuvers, poured into this place, regiment after regiment detrainning and marching into camp.

By six o'clock last evening more than ten thousand men had arrived, with Major-General Carter in command of the mobilized army. What was expected of the soldiers none knew. General Edwards professed ignorance for the mobilization orders, announcing that his instructions carried no intimation of anything to be expected beyond tactical work for the brigades in camp and along the Mexican line.

Last night, after the men had turned in, there was a consultation with the commander by the various brigadier generals in camp, consequent on an unexpected order from the war department that the men must hold themselves in readiness to take the field at two hours' notice.

Just what significance is to be attached to the order is unknown here, while the officials of the war department, besieged by the newspaper correspondents, notified from here, refuse to give out any explanation of the order.

Throughout the army the preparations for active duty, which may be real or merely practice, are causing much comment.

SATURN RAMMED SEALING SCHOONER

KNEW SHE HAD DONE IT AND STOOD BY TO RESCUE THE CREW.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—The navy collier Saturn, returning from San Diego, yesterday rammed and sank the sealing schooner Umbrina. Immediately following the accident, the Saturn's boats were lowered and the sealer's crew picked up. They were brought here on the Saturn last night.

EXPRESS STRIKE IS NOW A BIG ONE

NEW YORK, March 18.—Thirty-five thousand employes of the United States Express Company and of Wells Fargo Express Company went out on strike yesterday in sympathy with the striking drivers of the Adams' Express Company. This movement practically ties up the express business of the city and of the entire East, the strikers including a majority of the train agents running out of here.

ROOSEVELT TURNS ON THE WATERS

GRAND CANYON, Arizona, March 18.—Theodore Roosevelt arrived here yesterday and officiated at the formal opening of the new government irrigation dam, work upon which was begun during his administration and by virtue of the law he backed for the reclamation of desert lands. He leaves today for Phoenix.

BANK MANAGER SUICIDE.

LONDON, March 17.—R. F. Carnegie, manager of the branch of the Bank of Paris, committed suicide here today.

FURNACE LINER IS BURNED ON THAMES

LONDON, March 17.—The Furness liner North Point was today burned to the water on the Thames. Forty persons were saved.

ANSWER TO QUESTION.

How to cure a cold is a question in which many are interested just now. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has won its great reputation and immense sale by its remarkable cure of colds. It can always be depended upon. For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.